

WHAT'S NEW STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2017

Programs Provided in Packages

Each "package" with each Contractor contains six Cluster-setting SAL beds and a minimum of four Scattered-setting SAL beds. The Cluster beds will be guaranteed for payment regardless of use.

Contracts Awarded by Service Area

Contracts have been awarded within DHS Service Areas (SAs), not statewide as in the past. Contractors are responsible for serving the children in the Service Area where they are located. Some flexibility will be exercised to serve children from adjoining or nearby communities due to the low number of Contractors available and the nature of this program.

There were no bidders in the Cedar Rapids SA. The Western, Northern, and Eastern SAs each have one Contractor with one SAL package. The Des Moines SA has one Contractor offering three SAL packages.

No Reject/No Eject

No Reject/No Eject applies as in the other CISR services.

Cluster-Site Living Precedes Scattered-Site Living

Youth must successfully complete Cluster-site living before being approved for Scattered-site living (except for 18 or 19 year-olds who may be referred directly to Scattered).

WHAT STAYS THE SAME

- Each youth's monthly stipend and SAL start-up allowance (if needed) remains unchanged.
- SAL offers both Cluster-site living and Scattered-site living arrangements.
- Eligibility for Cluster begins at age 16 ½.
- Eligibility for Scattered begins at age 17.
- Pre-screening remains unchanged. However, there is new emphasis on assuring youth are appropriately referred to SAL to assure the program and the youth's needs are interdependent.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance measures will provide fiscal incentives for successful outcomes. The following performance measures determine eligibility for performance incentive payments. The Gold and Silver Standards are mutually exclusive and cannot both be earned for the same performance measure during the same measurement period.

Performance Measure 1 – Stability

The Contractor shall promote children's retention in SAL Placement. A child shall not experience an unplanned discharge during Placement and shall remain in SAL through age 18 or older, as permitted by law and regulations, or discharge to their family, a family-like setting, or Positive Support System Placement.

- Gold Standard (Payment of an additional 5% of the measurement period's invoiced amount) - $\geq 60\%$ of children transitioning out of SAL in a six-month period are transitioning due to the upper age limit restriction of 18 years or discharging to their family, a family-like setting, or Positive Support System Placement. This will be calculated for each six-month measurement period.
- Silver Standard (Payment of an additional 2.5% of the measurement period's invoiced amount) - $\geq 50\%$ but less than 60% of children transitioning out of SAL in a six-month period are transitioning due to the upper age limit restriction of 18 years or discharging to their family, a family-like setting, or Positive Support System Placement. This will be calculated for each six-month measurement period.

Performance Measure 2 – Aftercare Engagement

When eligible, each child is expected to participate in Aftercare and the Contractor's responsibility is to advocate for the child's participation in Aftercare so as to promote the child's success in early adulthood.

- Gold Standard (Payment of an additional 5% of the measurement quarter's invoiced amount) - $\geq 85\%$ of Aftercare-eligible children in the measurement quarter will have engaged in at least 30 days of Aftercare services within the six (6) months after the child's date of discharge from SAL. This will be calculated for each measurement quarter.
- Silver Standard (Payment of an additional 2.5% of the measurement quarter's invoiced amount) - $\geq 75\%$ but less than 85% of Aftercare-eligible children in the measurement quarter will have engaged in at least 30 days of Aftercare services within the six (6) months after the child's date of discharge from SAL. This will be calculated for each measurement quarter.

Performance Measure 3 – Life Skills Attainment

The Contractor shall track children's performance on their pre-placement and discharge Casey Life Skills Assessments to obtain a measurement of children's acquisition of life skills during their stay in SAL.

- Gold Standard (No incentive payments) - $\geq 80\%$ of children discharged in the measurement quarter will have shown improvement in their Casey Life Skills Assessment from pre-placement to discharge from SAL. This will be calculated for each measurement quarter.
- Silver Standard (No incentive payments) - $\geq 70\%$ but less than 80% of children discharged in the measurement quarter will have shown improvement in their Casey Life Skills Assessment from pre-placement to discharge from SAL. This will be calculated for each measurement quarter.